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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN BRIEFINGS ON SADAT VISIT

1. ON APRIL 17, ROYAL COURT CHIEF SHARAF TALKED WITH ME ABOUT AMMAN VISIT OF HOSNI MUBRAK.
2. SHARAF, ADDING TO REPORT WHICH KING HAD GIVEN ME ON APRIL 16, SAID THAT HE HAD HAD LONG SIDE SESSION WITH EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY USAMA BAZ. HE AND BAZ WERE COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS. HE TRUSTED BAZ' REPORTING AND KNEW THAT THE EGYPTIAN HAD ATTENDED THE WHITE HOUSE MEETINGS WHILE MUBRAK HAD NOT.
3. SHARAF WAS RELAXED CONCERNING EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON THE PALESTINIANS AND PURPORTED U.S. AGREEMENT WITH THOSE VIEWS. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD EGYPTIANS HAD WORKED OUT THEIR OWN LINE AND WISHED TO INDICATE HIGH DEGREE OF SUCCESS IN SUBSTANTIVE TERMS OF VISIT. HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY KING OF OUR DEBRIEF OF SADAT VISIT AND HAD SEEN PAPER WHICH I HAD LEFT WITH KING. HE INDICATED NO CONCERN ABOUT WHERE TWO VERSIONS DIFFERED AND TENDED TO BELIEVE THAT EGYPTIANS HAD SPECIAL REASONS FOR

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"NUANCES" WHICH THEY INTRODUCED INTO THE PROCESS.

4. EGYPTIANS WERE CATEGORICAL IN THEIR STATEMENTS ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SADAT AND THE HIGH IMPORTANCE WHICH THEY ATTACHED TO IT. THEY TOLD SHARAF THAT THEY FOUND DIRECTNESS AND PLAIN SPEAKING THE BEST

APPROACH TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. THEY FOUND THE PRESIDENT IN PARTICULAR VERY WELL INFORMED AND THAT HIS QUESTIONS WERE DIRECT AND WELL PREPARED TO ELUCIDATE NEW APPROACHES. THE EGYPTIANS CONCLUDED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS CONCRETE IDEAS IN MIND FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM AND THAT AS TIME EVOLVES HE WILL UNFOLD THESE IDEAS TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS.

5. SHARAF TOLD ME HE WOULD BE BRIEFING KING ALONG THESE LINES AND WOULD ENCOURAGE KING TO PURSUE ISSUES AS THE EGYPTIANS HAD RECOMMENDED.

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